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ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of Bio products is increasing day-by-day all over the World;

(b) if so, the ranking of India in the field of organic farming in the World; and

(c) the facilities being provided by the Government to the farmers for promoting organic farming and the steps initiated to encourage the same in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): India`s certified organic farming is negligible and hence the ranking is not available.

(c): To promote organic farming in the country, Government has approved a Central Sector Plan Scheme, National Project on Organic Farming with an outlay of Rs.57.05 crores from October, 2004 for production, promotion, certification and market development of organic farming during 10th Plan period with the following main components:-

(i) Putting in place a system of certification of organic produce.

(ii) Capacity building through service providers.

(iii) Financial support for commercial production units for production of organic inputs like fruits and vegetable waste compost, bio-fertilizer production and hatcheries for vermiculture.

(iv) Traning, field demonstration, promotion and market development.

Besides, under National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Agency (APEDA) is facilitating certification of the Organic Produce for export purpose.